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## **ADVISORY ACTION**

Continuation of 3. The proposed amendments <u>AFTER FINAL</u>, filed 29 Jun 2010, will <u>not</u> be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The proposed amendment to independent claim 11 changes the scope and breadth of the claim by requiring water as a diffusion agent and the proposed amendment to dependent claim 21 changes the scope and breadth of the claim by requiring the concentration of water. New claim 27 requires a specific compound as the agent for interaction. These changes to the scope and breadth of the claims require further consideration and/or search.

Continuation of 11. Applicant's Remarks, filed 29 Jun 2010, have been fully considered and found not to be persuasive because the proposed amendments <u>AFTER FINAL</u>, filed 29 Jun 2010, will <u>not</u> be entered.

However, it is noted that Junco (J Inclusion Phenomena and Macrocyclic Chem, 2002, 44, p69-73, of record) teaches the use of reagent grade ethanol used without further purification (page 70, left column, section *Materials*) for example in a mixture of CO₂ with 4% ethanol (page 70, right column, section *Test 1*). It is known to one of ordinary skill in the art that reagent grade ethanol is available in 190 proof or 200 proof concentrations, and that even 200 proof (≥99.5%) reagent grade ethanol contains ≤0.2% water. Since the reagent grade ethanol is used without further purification, the method taught by Junco necessarily involves at least 4%\*0.2% or ≤0.008% water, or a

non-zero amount of water necessarily present in the reagent grade ethanol. It is noted that ≤0.008% water is significantly smaller than the limitation of proposed claim 21.

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan S. Lau whose telephone number is 571-270-3531. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on 571-272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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